

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12-15 and add new claims 16 and 17 as shown in the attached
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Claims 1-11 (withdrawn)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A composite double-layer packaging material,
comprising:

a first paper support layer, and

a second layer adhered to the first layer so as to form a double-layer sheet,

wherein the second layer is formed of a thin tubular film of plastic material ~~that is~~
~~hygienically acceptable for contact with food products,~~

wherein the thin film has a transversal dimension not smaller than a transversal
dimension of the first paper support layer, such that the thin film overlays the first paper
support layer to form the double-layer sheet, and

wherein the thin film has a longitudinal cut so as to form additionally forms at
least one foldable free flap ~~to cover a food product laid upon the double-layer sheet,~~
~~wherein the at least one foldable free flap is provided by longitudinally cutting a tubular~~
~~sleeve of the plastic material forming the second layer.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended): A composite double-layer packaging material according to
claim 12, wherein the thin film ~~of hygienically acceptable material~~ forms two opposed
foldable free flaps.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 13, wherein the two opposed foldable free flaps, ~~after having been folded upon the food product,~~ are foldable so as to be intermediately juxtaposed.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 13, wherein the two opposed foldable free flaps, ~~after having been folded upon the food product,~~ are foldable so as to overlap one another.

Claim 16 (new): The composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 12, wherein the second layer is attached to said first layer ~~in such a manner~~ such that when said first layer is folded, the second layer is also ~~folded~~ foldable in a similar manner.

Claim 17 (new): The composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 12, wherein the first layer includes at least one longitudinal weakness line along which the first component can be torn, and the second layer includes at least one correspondingly located weakness line along which the second layer can be torn.
